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SOURCE:

1. In May 1953 a parachute training division, consisting of about 6,000 officers and men transferred from paratroop units of major military areas, was organized in Peiping.¹ The men were to receive five months training in paratroop combat techniques, after which they were to be reassigned to their original units. The division was not considered a permanent training unit.
2. The division was organized into two regiments with five battalions each. Each battalion had four companies, and each company had 144 non-officer personnel.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] from the same source, reported the recruitment in April 1953 of 3,000 paratroopers from North China for training in the 1 Airborne Division, believed to be in Peiping.

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